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1. A method of protecting a design for configuring a PLD comprising the steps of:
loading an encrypted bitstream representing the design into the PLD;
decrypting the bitstream in the PLD to produce an unencrypted bitstream
representing the design;
configuring the PLD with the unencrypted design; and
disabling readback of the unencrypted bitstream.
2. A method of protecting a design for configuring a PLD comprising the steps of:
loading an encrypted bitstream representing the design into the PLD;
decrypting the bitstream in the PLD to produce an unencrypted bitstream
representing the design;
configuring the PLD with the unencrypted bitstream; and
disabling the PLD from being partially reconfigured.
3. The PLD of Claim 2 wherein the step of disabling the PLD from being partially reconfigured also prevents part of a user's design from being relocated to another part of the PLD.